



WELLINGTON

SHIRE COUNCIL

The Heart of Gippsland

Council Meeting Agenda

Meeting to be held at

Port Of Sale Business Centre

Foster Street, Sale

Tuesday 18 August 2015, commencing at 6pm

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ORDINARY MEETING OF COUNCIL – 18 AUGUST 2015

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STATEMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

***“We acknowledge the traditional custodians
of this land the Gunaikurnai people,
and pay respects to their elders past and present”***



PRAYER

***“Almighty God, we ask your blessing upon the Wellington
Shire Council, its Councillors, officers, staff and their families.
We pray for your guidance in our decisions so that the
true good of the Wellington Shire Council may result to
the benefit of all residents and community groups.”***

Amen



A - PROCEDURAL

A4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETING/S

ITEM A4**ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING/S**

ACTION OFFICER:

GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

DATE:

18 AUGUST 2015

OBJECTIVE

To adopt the minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 4 August 2015 as tabled.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopt the minutes and resolutions of the Ordinary Council Meeting of 4 August 2015 as tabled.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a Conflict of Interest.



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A5 BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING/S

ITEM A5**BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING/S**

ACTION OFFICER

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

DATE:

18 AUGUST 2015

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
Nil			



A - PROCEDURAL

A6 ACCEPTANCE OF LATE ITEMS



A - PROCEDURAL

A7 NOTICE/S OF MOTION



A - PROCEDURAL

A8 RECEIVING OF PETITIONS OR JOINT LETTERS

ITEM A8(1)**OUTSTANDING PETITIONS**

ACTION OFFICER

GOVERNANCE

DATE:

18 AUGUST 2015

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
Drumming from 132 The Boulevard, Paradise Beach	19 May 2015	That the motion lay on the table until the meeting of July 21 or until mediation can take place	Manager Municipal Services
Provision of a public toilet facility in the Sale CBD	7 July 2015	Report to Council 18 August 2015	Manager Natural Environment & Parks
Objection to the proposed Wellington Shire Council tree planting scheme for Powerscourt Street Maffra	7 July 2015	Report to Council 1 September 2015	Manager Natural Environment and Parks
Exclusion of properties from garbage collection Anderson Court Myrtlebank	21 July 2015	Report to Council 1 September 2015	Manager Natural Environment & Parks
Restoration of Willung Bridge on Merton Vale Road, Willung	18 August 2015	Report to Council 15 September 2015	Manager Built Environment

ITEM A8(2)**RECEIPT OF PETITION: RESTORATION OF WILLUNG BRIDGE
MERTON VALE ROAD, WILLUNG.**

DIVISION: BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER BUILT ENVIRONMENT
DATE: 18 AUGUST 2015

Financial	Communication	Legislative	Council Policy	Council Plan	Resources & Staff	Community	Environmental	Consultation	Risk Management
		✓							

OBJECTIVE

To present Council with a petition in relation to restoration of Willung Bridge Merton Vale Road, Willung.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive the attached petition in relation to restoration of Willung Bridge on Merton Vale Road, Willung.

BACKGROUND

A petition containing 56 signatures has been received by Council.

A copy of the petition is attached for Council information.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACT

Section L6.59 of Wellington Shire Council Processes of Municipal Government (Meetings and Common Seal) Local Law No 1 provides for petitions and joint letters:

“A petition or joint letter presented to the Council must lay on the table for a period determined by the Council but not exceeding the next two Council Meetings. No motion, other than to receive the petition or joint letter may be accepted by the Chairperson, unless the Council unanimously agrees to deal with it earlier.”

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SHIRE COUNCIL

31 JUL 2015

RECEIVED

Dear Council

Re: Restoration of Willung Bridge on Merton Vale Road

The Willung Bridge on Merton Vale Road was damaged on 15th February 2015 when a Wellington Shire Council road grader went through the bridge decking. For the past five months, the bridge has been closed with signage and orange safety barrier mesh across it.

We are writing to Council to request restoration of the bridge and would appreciate Council taking the following into consideration:

1. The bridge serves as a fire access:

- a. for the CFA in the event of a fire in Holey Plains Forest, and
- b. as an alternative and most likely safer route – away from the forest - for the Willung families who live on the Holey Plains Forest side of the bridge. Without the bridge, Ronalds Road & Merton Vale Road north of the creek, which run to the north/north west of their properties through the forest, are their only escape routes.

2. Cost of alternative access route through the forest

Under normal circumstances the two property owners on the forest side of Merton Vale Road (and those who need to go to their properties) use Taylors Road or Merton Vale Road as their access roads. Both these roads are already maintained by the Council. The alternative route through the forest involves a detour of 8 km via Ronalds Road (a 16km return trip). The Ronalds Road route more or less duplicates Taylors Road on the other side of the creek and is a much less serviceable road. Upgrade and on-going maintenance of this alternate route for normal vehicular traffic would be expensive, possibly in the long term being more expensive to Council than repairing the bridge.

3. While the bridge (and Willung) may seem out of the way to some people, for many residents, and people going about their work, the bridge is used on a daily or regular basis:

- a. Dairy and beef cattle farmers living on the forest side of Merriman's Creek depend on the bridge to provide access to the land they work and the cattle yards they use on the township side of the creek. So important is their access that they have resorted to making a makeshift track around the water hole the bridge crosses. This track is quickly turning into a bog with the recent rain, and will become unusable in wetter weather.
- b. Many Willung residents use the bridge to access the forest, an amenity which has attracted them to live in the area.
- c. DSE, NPW, CFA, Forestry workers, SPAusnet, electricity meter readers, Telstra technicians, the weekly rubbish collection truck, gas deliveries, freight deliveries for Merton Vale Road residents, tradesmen, indeed your Council workers, benefit from the access the bridge provides, in addition to
- d. Tourists & recreational visitors who especially use the bridge on weekends to access Holey Plains Forest.

4. Concerns re ambulance & satellite navigation/GPS directions

Experience has shown us that some GPS systems, when "Merton Vale Road" is entered, direct ambulances (and other services provided by people unfamiliar with the area) via Taylors Road, while other GPS systems give directions to go to the far end of Merton Vale Road near the Rosedale Dump. With the bridge closed, this leaves members of the Willung community, no matter which side of Merriman's Creek they live on, vulnerable in the event of an accident or medical emergency, because of potential delays (and non-delivery). This risk is further exacerbated by the fact that mobile phone coverage is non-existent or poor in the Willung district.

5. Responsibility for the damage to the bridge

Willung residents who are being inconvenienced by loss of the bridge were not responsible for the damage to the bridge. Council's vehicle crossing the bridge has resulted in the damage.

6. The bridge's main structure – with its steel girders - appears to be sound.

It does not appear as if the bridge needs a rebuild, although clearly the wooden bearers need replacing along with some of the decking.

7. The temporary arrangement is both unsatisfactory and unsafe.

Whilst we recognise that some temporary barrier is needed until the bridge is repaired, it is perhaps unsurprising that after five months, the plastic barrier mesh has not reliably remained in place.

Furthermore, the temporary track is increasingly being used despite its unsuitability for non 4WD vehicles.

8. Historical significance

Merton Vale Road, and the old bridge that crosses Merriman's Creek, have historical significance. Formerly named Government Road, it was the road by which early settlers travelled from Port Albert to the gold fields at Walhalla. Each year their journey is commemorated by the Port Albert to Rosedale Heritage Trail Ride with horses and spring carts travelling this route over the bridge raising funds for the Leukaemia Foundation.

9. Although small, Willung is a growing community. New families have settled and built substantial homes here in recent years. The bridge helps facilitate ready communications and interactions that contribute to a sense of community, and we do not wish to see this eroded.

We, the undersigned, request that Council give every consideration to the restoration of a functioning bridge across Merriman's Creek on Merton Vale Road so it is once again trafficable, if at all possible, before the 2015-16 fire season begins.

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Petition seeking restoration of Merton Vale Road Willung Bridge

Petition summary and background	Petition to Wellington Shire Council from Willung residents
Action petitioned for	We, the undersigned, are concerned residents who urge Council to restore the Willung Bridge on Merton Vale Road, Willung

Printed Name	Signature	Address	Date
Mary Anne Secker	<i>M. Secker</i>		25.7.15
MICHAEL SECKER	<i>M. Secker</i>		25.7.15
Julie Smith	<i>J. Smith</i>		25.7.15
BOB SMITH	<i>B. Smith</i>		25.7.15
CHINT SMITH	<i>C. Smith</i>		25.7.15
Emilia Smith	<i>E. Smith</i>		25.7.15
Don Woodhouse	<i>D. Woodhouse</i>		25-7-15
<i>Alan Bailey</i>	<i>A. Bailey</i>		25.7.2015
<i>Guy Bailey</i>	<i>G. Bailey</i>		25.7.2015
<i>John Bradford</i>	<i>J. Bradford</i>		25-7-2015
<i>David Bradford</i>	<i>D. Bradford</i>		25-7-2015
JOHN ULRICH	<i>J. Ulrich</i>		25/7/15
Robyn Crook	<i>R. Crook</i>		30.7.15
Tim Rowley	<i>T. Rowley</i>		30/7/15
Penny Kennedy	<i>P. Kennedy</i>		30.7.15

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Printed Name	Signature	Address	Date
DAVID PACISHAM	<i>[Signature]</i>		24/7/15
HELEN HOLLEY	<i>[Signature]</i>		29.7.15
Deborah Kenny	<i>[Signature]</i>		29/7/15
Michelle Peters	<i>[Signature]</i>		29.7.15
Peter Kenny	<i>[Signature]</i>		30/7.15
Janet Lamont	<i>[Signature]</i>		30/7.15
GRAHAM LAMONT	<i>[Signature]</i>		30/7/15.
BOB BEECOFT	<i>[Signature]</i>		30/7/15
SHIRLEY BEECOFT	<i>[Signature]</i>		
Sally Devine	<i>[Signature]</i>		30/07/15
Paul Kenny	<i>[Signature]</i>		30/7/15
Karen Peters	<i>[Signature]</i>		30.7.15

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Printed Name	Signature	Address	Date
SARAH HUTCHISON	<i>S. Hutchison</i>		26.07.15
BRAD FLEMING	<i>Brad Fleming</i>		26/7/15
Vanessa Missen	<i>V. Missen</i>		27/7/15
Scott Missen	<i>Scott Missen</i>		27/7/15
KEITH MISSEN	<i>K. Missen</i>		27/7/15
Joan MISSEN	<i>J. Missen</i>		27/7/15
MAL MOWAT	<i>M. Mowat</i>		27/7/15
Robyn Douglas	<i>R. Douglas</i>		27/7/15
SCOTT WESTWOOD	<i>S. Westwood</i>		29/7/15
NATASHA SPENCER	<i>N. Spencer</i>		29/7/15
DIANE SPENCER	<i>D. Spencer</i>		29/7/15
Noel Pattinson	<i>N. Pattinson</i>		29-7-15
Kylie Fleming	<i>K. Fleming</i>		29-7-15
ROBERT FLEMING	<i>Robert Fleming</i>		29-7-15
ROB KLEMEN	<i>Rob Klemen</i>		30-7-15
Lorraine King	<i>L. King</i>		30-7-15
GRAHAM KING	<i>G. King</i>		30-7-15
GILVO GIACOBINI	<i>G. Giacobini</i>		30-7-15

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Printed Name	Signature	Address	Date
KERRY SLOTT	<i>Kerry Slott</i>		30/7/15
NEVILLE KELLY	<i>N Kelly</i>		
BRIAN FLEMING	<i>B Fleming</i>		30/7/15
Tom Fleming	<i>T Fleming</i>		30-7-15
Pauline Fleming	<i>P Fleming</i>		30-7-15
Barb Hoekstra	<i>B Hoekstra</i>		30-7-15
John Hoekstra	<i>J Hoekstra</i>		30-7-15
SIM FLEMING	<i>S Fleming</i>		30-7-15
PAM FLEMING	<i>P Fleming</i>		30-7-15

See Over

ITEM A8(3)**RESPONSE TO PETITION - TOILET CONSTRUCTION SALE MALL**

DIVISION:

BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

ACTION OFFICER:

MANAGER NATURAL ENVIRONMENT & PARKS

DATE:

18 AUGUST 2015

IMPACTS									
Financial	Communication	Legislative	Council Policy	Council Plan	Resources & Staff	Community	Environmental	Consultation	Risk Management
✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	

OBJECTIVE

To provide a response to Council on the petition received from the Sale Business and Tourism Association (SBTA) regarding a request for the construction of a public toilet in the Sale CBD

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**RECOMMENDATION***That:*

- 1. Council support the construction of a new fully automated 2 pan public toilet in the Sale Mall; and***
- 2. Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to work with the Sale Business & Tourism Association on finalising the design, exact location and operating parameters of the new facility; and***
- 3. The Chief Executive Officer write to the head petitioner advising of Council's decision in relation to this matter.***

BACKGROUND

Construction of a public toilet in the mall has a ongoing topic of discussion amongst the community for many years. The 2003 Toilet Development & Management Strategy listed the toilet for construction in 2004-2005. In addition the 2002 Sale Urban Design Framework also discussed the need for a public toilet in the Mall. Further to this the 2011 Draft Concept Plan for the Mall included public toilets.

The Toilet Development & Management Strategy 2003 states in the context of toilet provision that:

“Council has targeted tourism as a key economic driver for the Wellington Shire. This will therefore help determine hotspots for future toilet construction. In addition there are clearly requirements for toilets in CBD precincts. Another category for possible toilet construction/refurbishment is parks of a regional nature capable of drawing large numbers of people on *regular* occasions.”

Subsequent community consultation on the toilet issue as part of the Mall redevelopment project in 2011/12 showed that there was a clear 50/50 split with strong support on the one hand and an equally strong view against provision. This negative feeling was based mainly on views that the

toilet would be abused and subject to regular anti-social behaviour which was a problem in the mall at the time (now no longer evident).

Subsequent rejuvenation of the mall did not include a public toilet but did provide utility services to an agreed location east of Raymond Street on Cunninghame Street in front of the Commonwealth Bank.

In March of this year officers were invited to attend a business gathering of the Sale Business & Tourism Association which the planned works for the Sale CBD area were discussed. As part of this discussion the provision of public toilets in the mall was again raised. It was agreed that the SBTA would survey their members to determine the level of support for such. Subsequent feedback from the SBTA executive confirmed that there was a very strong level of support for the installation of an appropriate public toilet at the site already identified by Council (in front of the Commonwealth Bank on Cunninghame Street).

Officers spoke to colleagues at East Gippsland Shire Council (EGSC) regarding their recent toilet installations in and around Bairnsdale. Their experience has highlighted the value that the community place on quality public conveniences with the new fully automated self-cleaning toilet in the Nicholson Street Mall proving extremely popular and very well used. Certainly the indication from EGSC was that the new toilets have made Bairnsdale a much more visitor and shopper friendly experience.

Further analysis of the criticality of public toilets in CBD areas to economic activity suggests that:

- Public toilet facilities are critical in the central business district of townships.
- Signage that indicates where public toilets are available is also critical.
- The vibrancy of Sale's strip shopping precinct is critical to the local economy.
- For Council to be actively encouraging the public to go to the shopping centre for public toilets (via its signage) sends a poor message to those shopkeepers in the strip. Potentially diverting spend etc.
- Raymond Street shopkeepers are not likely to send a customer enquiring about public toilets to the shopping centre and in doing so, giving away potential business to a competitor.

PROPOSAL

That Council support the construction of a new fully automated 2 pan public toilet in the Sale Mall and that the Chief Executive Officer to work with the SBTA on finalising the design, exact location and operating parameters of the new facility.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No Staff and/or Contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a Conflict of Interest.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Capital costs:

It is estimated that the construction of a fully automated 2 pan, unisex, disabled access public toilet facility in the Mall would be in the vicinity of \$200,000.

Operational costs (estimated):

Annual cleaning (7 days per week)	\$7,617
Recurrent maintenance	\$3,000
Total	\$10,617

A service contract with the toilet fabricators can be entered into to support the daily cleans costed above (would be an additional cost to those listed in the table).

Clean, maintain and parts

4 x Quarterly visits = \$7,500/year

Includes:

- Detailed Clean inside & out
- Graffiti removal
- Complete function test & adjustments
- Parts replacement

The estimated capital cost of building a fully automated two pan unisex (including disabled access) toilet is approximately \$200,000. This can be accommodated within existing funds in the current year capital budget.

Operational costs are not provided for in the 2015/16 budget and will need to be added to the existing Toilet Maintenance budget.

OPTIONS

1. Council support the construction of a new fully automated 2 pan public toilet in the Sale Mall.
 - a. Council authorise the Chief Executive Officer to work with the Sale Business & Tourism Association (SBTA) on finalising the design, exact location and operating parameters of the new facility.
 - b. The Chief Executive Officer write to the head petitioner advising of Council's decision in relation to this matter.
- 2 Council not agree to the request to construct a new toilet in the Sale Mall.

COMMUNICATION IMPACT

The agreement to construct a new public toilet in the Sale Mall will be positively received by the SBTA and a significant component of the Sale community.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPACT

Construction of a public toilet in the Sale Mall complies with the overall direction of the existing Toilet Development Policy.

COUNCIL PLAN IMPACT

The Council Plan 2013-2017 Theme 4 Infrastructure states the following strategic objective and related strategies:

Strategic Objective

"Assets and infrastructure that meet current and future community needs."

Strategy 4.1

"Undertake service delivery planning to provide community assets in response to identified needs."

Strategy 4.2

"Ensure assets are managed, maintained and renewed to meet service needs."

RESOURCES AND STAFF IMPACT

Construction of a public toilet in the Sale Mall can be accommodated within existing financial and staff resources.

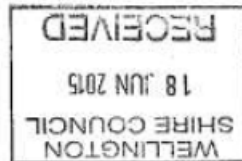
Operational requirements will be in addition to existing financial resources but will have minimal impact on staff.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

The project will assist in improving liveability in the Shire by contributing to a range of objectives as stated in various Council Plans & Strategies. Specifically this project will improve the liveability of Sale and make a positive contribution to the economic viability of the Sale CBD.

CONSULTATION IMPACT

The issue of public toilet provision has been the subject of ongoing discussion in the community for a number of years. Most recently (March 2015) the issue was raised at a meeting of members of the SBTA at which Council Officers were in attendance. The SBTA have indicated strong support for the construction of a public toilet in the Sale Mall as demonstrated by the recent petition to Council on the matter.



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Thursday, 18 June 2015

Dear Wellington Shire Council,

After our meeting yesterday, we are formally submitting a petition to council requesting the Raymond Street toilets be actioned. On behalf of the local Business and Tourism sector we feel that it is vital that we give voice to the community we represent.

As outlined in our accompanying petition comments, our businesses and local community see a public toilet facility in the CBD as necessary for these reasons:

- There are currently no public toilets available within 10 minutes walk of the Mall. Although the Gippsland Centre does provide a toilet facility, these are only designed and sized according to the shopping Centre requirements and are not 'public' toilets.
- The mall development encourages events and functions to use this space but does not provide a toilet facility essentially limiting the usability of this area.
- It is not the responsibility nor have premises been designed for shop owners to provide toilet facilities for the general public in many instances.
- As a tourist destination and a break point for those travelling it is vital that our visitors have easy access to clearly signed public toilets especially outside retail hours however we appreciate these would need to be locked during non day light hours. Visitors to the town who are not familiar with options cannot clearly access public toilet facilities while in the town centre and would be unaware of which shops allow the public to use their toilets.
- Parents of younger children, parents/carers of special needs children as well as the elderly in the community need quick convenient access to toilet facilities. An all access public toilet must be provided to ensure all members of the public are accommodated and to prevent the frequent public urination in car parks and alleys.
- There have been an ongoing and consistent number of complaints regarding the lack of public toilets in the area from both businesses and shoppers alike, and it is the business owners who are bearing the brunt of the complaints.
- Infrastructure has already been allocated to this development and a public toilet facility would complete the current upgrade to the CBD, if you visit Traralgon CBD or Bairnsdale CBD they have shopping centres, and other businesses with toilets however they still provide a quality public amenity.
- The lack of a public toilet facility can deter consumers from spending lengthy amounts of time in the CBD, which in turn affects commerce. By not providing a



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public toilet in the CBD it effectively pushes people towards shopping in the centre, hurting local business owners and local economy.

- This has been an ongoing issue for the local community for many years and it will continue to be so until a public toilet is provided.

We ask - would you consider removing or relocating all other CBD toilets in Maffra, Heyfield, Yarram, Stratford and other local towns to 800m out of town? Why does Sale not deserve the same convenience as other towns in our Shire? We ask that you put yourselves in the position of a young mother, a parent or carer of a child or adult with special needs, or an elderly person in our CBD and request that this decision be reassessed to reflect the obvious wishes and needs of the greater community.

We also ask that you reconsider the timing and urgency of this project to complete the Mall and Raymond Street, which are now very vibrant shopping precincts to ensure that the general public who frequent our great town keep on doing so.

As mentioned in our meeting yesterday with Councillors this "no toilet" was raised when the mall design was announced and no toilets were included, the Spotlight /Cob & Co band aid fix was applied and that now fails to meet public expectations. We have been repeatedly advised to remain patient on this issue. The funding has been made available this financial year according to our advice and we look forward to your re considered position on this.

Yours Sincerely

Leanne Pearce

President

Sale Business & Tourism Association



A - PROCEDURAL

A9 INVITED ADDRESSES, PRESENTATIONS OR ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS



A - PROCEDURAL

A10 QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

ITEM A10(1)

ACTION OFFICER

DATE:

OUTSTANDING QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

18 AUGUST 2015

ITEM	FROM MEETING	COMMENTS	ACTION BY
NIL			



A - PROCEDURAL

A11 MAYOR'S REPORT

ITEM A11(1)**MAYOR'S REPORT**

OFFICER:

COUNCILLOR CROSSLEY

DATE:

18 AUGUST 2015

RECOMMENDATION***That the Mayor's report be noted.*****Yarram Hub Opening**

At the end of last month I, alongside Member for Eastern Victoria Harriet Shing officially opened the Yarram and District Hub. We had a great turnout from the community and community leaders including Member for Gippsland South Danny O'Brien, Member for Eastern Victoria Melina Bath and Senator for Victoria Ricky Muir who were all very pleased with the newly redeveloped facility. Included in the facility is the Yarram Swimming Pool, Early Learning Centre, the Yarram Library, Council Customer Service Centre, and spaces for Maternal and Child Health services and for the many Yarram community groups to meet.

In early July, I paid a visit to the Hub and was very pleased to receive great feedback from community members who were already making the most of this vibrant building. It was great to see people of all ages and demographics using the library and the child care facility was preparing for its first day the following week.

This redeveloped facility is a great outcome for the community who were the driving force behind this project. About nine years ago, a group of community members formed the Yarram District Hub Advisory Group and became instrumental in providing local input in all aspects of planning, designing and building the centre.

Now, with the creation of the Yarram and District Hub Governance Group, Yarram Early Learning Incorporated and a soon to be running Yarram Early Learning Centre User Advisory Group, the community is staying directly involved with this facility.

Port of Sale Cultural and Community Hub demolition commencement

On 21 July, Council was very pleased to make one of the first sledgehammer blows in the internal demolition process of the former Port of Sale Civic Centre. The demolition process is now well underway, leaving the building's interior almost unrecognisable as we create a blank slate for our new cultural and community hub - the new Sale Library and Wellington Shire Library headquarters; new Gippsland Art Gallery; Council Chambers; café; community space and now even the Visitor Information Centre.

We're now in the process of seeking the community's feedback about what they would like to see in their Port of Sale Cultural and Community Hub and have already received some great responses.

Launch of the MID2030 Southern Cowwarr balancing storage

The Macalister Irrigation District has now reached another important milestone. On 3 August I attended the launch of the MID2030 Southern Cowwarr balancing storage which is a key part of the Macalister Irrigation District modernisation project. Minister for Environment, Climate Change and Water, Lisa Neville turned the sod indoors at the Denison Hall due to an interesting turn of events resulting from inclement weather. This was a great day for our irrigators in our rural communities and attracted some very pleased farmers.

Citizenship Ceremony

Being the presiding officer for the Citizenship Ceremony is always a great honour and a joy to see the excitement of all the new candidates' friends and family. This is something they have had to work hard for and make a conscious decision to swear allegiance to Australia - something many of us just take for granted.

There were 18 new Australian citizens, including six children (four in one family and two in another). The various countries of origin included Philippines, India, Malta, Iran, United Kingdom and Pakistan.

One person had been living here for over 60 years and is now officially an Australian and excited! And so was her partner. It is always a great event to celebrate and welcome them to Wellington and get to know some of their stories over a cuppa.

Winter Masterpieces Dinner

On 7 August I attended the second annual Winter Masterpieces Dinner held by the Gippsland Art Gallery Society as a fundraiser. Once again, National Gallery of Victoria Senior Curator of International Art and Curator of the Melbourne Winter Masterpieces spoke of his exhibition Masterpieces from the Hermitage: The Legacy of Catherine the Great.

Our relationship with the National Gallery of Victoria has become a great asset to our Gallery and our art lovers who very much enjoy the trip to attend the exhibitions at the NGV. We are very lucky in Wellington Shire to have so many people interested in art including The Gippsland Art Gallery Society which continues to support our Gallery through various fundraising initiatives including this wonderful event.

Official Opening of Sale Police Station

It was an honour to be present for the official opening of Sale's state of the art police station on 31 July. This impressive facility is designed to meet our community's needs well into the future. Sale was one of the very early communities to have a police station some 150 years ago and because of this, Sale holds a very special place for the Victorian Police force.

It gave the opening of the new station on the site of the old Sale Prison even more significance. Both Victoria Police Chief Commissioner Graham Ashton and Minister for Police Wade Noonan acknowledged the great work of past and present serving officers that work tirelessly to keep Wellington a safe place to live.

Exxon Mobil Community Dinner

This month I, along with Councillors Hole, McCubbin, Davine and Wenger attended an Exxon Mobil Community Dinner which was once again a great event. Exxon Mobil have now been operating for 120 years in the industry as Australia's oldest petroleum company and values its close relationship with the Wellington Shire, particularly since its establishment in Sale and

Longford in 1965. This event acknowledged the continued partnership with the community and various lifeblood organisations including Council, the CFA, schools, West Gippsland Health Service, SES, Ambulance Victoria, Victoria Police and a myriad of other organisations that receive support or contribute to the continued success of operations in Wellington. Head of Exxon Mobil Australia Richard Owen attended the event and addressed the gathering with pride in not only his organisation's contribution to Wellington but to the Australian economy.

Annual Gippstar Awards

For the past 51 years Gippsland athletes, sporting officials and coaches have been recognised for achieving amazing results in their sport whilst residing in the region. The Gippstar Annual Awards for 2014 - 2015, were held on Wednesday 5 August, hosted and sponsored by Federation Training "Waratah Restaurant". This year, our athletes were recognised for over 17 different sports including basketball, futsal, polocrosse and skeet shooting just to name a few. The 'Club of the year', 'Team of the Year' and 'Special Achievement Awards' had some outstanding candidates with winners announced on the night.

I was fortunate to be on the table with two young Wellington stars and their parents, Cody Dyce from Tinamba Junior Motocross and Lara Mae Dunkley from Yarram who plays netball in Sale. The long list of local certificate holders and finalists included:

- Sale jockey Brandon Stockdale
- Maffra gymnast Brittany Gray
- Stratford's Amber Lee Ross and Jenna Lee Ross for athletics
- Sale futsal player Jacob Richardson
- Longford's Jack Willis for karate
- Maffra hockey player Adelle O'Doherty
- Sale show jumper Courtney Shears
- Maffra hockey players Simeon Gover and Adelle O'Doherty
- Riverslea equestrian Rebecka Carrolan
- Sale golfer Levi Sclater
- Boisdale's Erika Allen for athletics

Dancing With Our Stars

On Saturday 8 August Dancing With Our Stars. This was a wonderful local business community led event to raise money for the Five Star Project, which creates age appropriate living opportunities for young adults living with disabilities. With a fantastic turnout from community members, the Council's Gippsland Regional Sports Complex was full with thrilled onlookers and captivating local identities doing their best to keep up with their professional dancing partners. A lot of work was put in by both the participating dancers and the organisers and the money raised for the Five Star Project was a great outcome.

COUNCILLOR CAROLYN CROSSLEY

MAYOR



A - PROCEDURAL

A12 YOUTH COUNCIL REPORT

Youth Council will present a report to Council 17 November 2015



B –REPORT

DELEGATES



C1 - REPORT

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

ITEM C1.1**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

DATE: 18 AUGUST 2015

RECOMMENDATION***That the Chief Executive Officer's Report be received.***

- 20 July Meeting with Maffra Golf Club representatives to discuss Council's Community Assistance Grants.
- 22 July Meeting with John Leslie OBE, Sale to discuss the progress of the Port of Sale Cultural Hub Project, as well as the next stage of the Gippsland Regional Sports Complex in Cobains Road Sale.
- 23 July Meeting with representatives of Wellington Regional Tourism to discuss the Port of Sale Cultural Hub Project.
- 27 July Meeting with John Leslie OBE, Sale to further discuss the progress of the next stage of the Gippsland Regional Sports Complex in Cobains Road Sale.
- Meeting with Bob Sloan, Seaspray Ratepayers Association, to discuss a number of issues around the Seaspray township.
- 29-31 July Attended the Local Government Chief Officers Group Meeting.
- 3 August Meeting with representative from Regional Development Victoria to discuss progress of the new Gippsland Regional Plan.
- 11 August Meeting with Lance Mitchell, President, and Daniel Scarfo, Treasurer of the Sale and District Agricultural Society to discuss the potential of a future event at the showgrounds.
- Meeting with Jonathon Leake, Director; Matthew Peake, Executive Officer and Karen Wilson, Manager from the Statewide Waste and Resource Recovery Infrastructure Plan, Sale.
- With Mayor Crossley, held a teleconference with Member for Gippsland Darren Chester to discuss a range of issues including the Macalister Irrigation District, Princes Highway duplication, and the Port of Sale Cultural Hub Precinct.
- Meeting with James Flintoff, Acting Chief Executive Officer Regional Development Victoria to brief him on a range of opportunities and challenges for Wellington Shire and broader Gippsland.

Maffra Community Meeting.

- 13 August Attended Rural and Regional Mayor, Chief Executive Officers and MAV Representatives Forum, Melbourne.
- 14 August Attended Food and Fibre Economic Opportunities Workshop, Bairnsdale.
- Attended Sale College Sleep Out Function (no, I didn't sleep out!).

ITEM C1.2**JULY 2015 PERFORMANCE REPORT**

DIVISION: CEO
ACTION OFFICER: CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
DATE: 18 AUGUST 2015

IMPACTS									
Financial	Communication	Legislative	Council Policy	Council Plan	Resources & Staff	Community	Environmental	Consultation	Risk Management
✓	✓	✓	✓	✓					

OBJECTIVE

For Council to receive and note the July 2015 Council Performance Report.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council receive and note the July 2015 Council Performance Report as attached.

BACKGROUND

The July 2015 Council Performance Report comprises key highlights towards achievement of the 2013 -17 Council Plan.

OPTIONS

Following consideration of the attached July 2015 Performance Report, Council can resolve to either:

1. Receive and note the July 2015 Council Performance Report; or
2. Not receive and note the July 2015 Council Performance Report and seek further information for consideration at a later Council meeting.

PROPOSAL

That Council receive and note the attached July 2015 Council Performance Report.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a Conflict of Interest.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Provision of a monthly financial report to the community facilitates accountability and transparency and ensures that Council and management are able to make informed decisions in a timely manner.

COMMUNICATION IMPACT

The Council Plan communicates Council's strategic direction to the community. The Council Plan can also be used by Council to communicate its vision and direction to other tiers of government, organisations, government agencies and funding bodies.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACT

There is no legislative requirement for provision of a monthly Council Performance report however, Council has determined that in the interests of accountability and transparency, this report will be provided to the community.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPACT

The July 2015 Council Performance Report has been prepared in the context of existing Council policies.

COUNCIL PLAN IMPACT

Objective 2.2 states that Council will:

"Maintain processes and systems to ensure sound financial management"

Objective 2.3 states that Council will:

"Ensure sound governance processes that result in responsive, ethical, transparent and accountable decision making".

JULY PERFORMANCE REPORT

JULY 2015 COUNCIL PLAN HIGHLIGHTS

Bike Ed Training

WSC hosted 2 day Bike Ed training for teachers, parents and local cycling enthusiasts 27 and 29 July, with support from VicRoads. Teachers and parents from nine schools in Wellington Shire participated in this training. Those attending committed to run Bike Ed programs in their schools over the next 18 months. Previously only 5 of 33 schools in Wellington were running Bike Ed sessions with their students.

NAIDOC Week Celebrations

WSC staff supported celebrations of National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee (NAIDOC) Week at events at Ramahyuck and Port of Sale. The theme this year – '*We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate*' – highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples' strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea.

The Ramahyuck event included award presentations, flag raising and several speeches including one by the Mayor. The Port of Sale event was well supported by Ramahyuck Senior Community members and representatives from state government departments and Southern Rural Water. It included a boat ride on the Rubeena with stories of the history of the Gunai Kurnai people and cultural awareness activities led by local Aboriginal artist Cassie Latham. Despite the cold weather and rain, approx. 50 people participated.

Sport and Recreation Victoria - Gippsland Forum

Mark Benfield and Daniel Miller attended a recent forum held at the State Government Offices in Traralgon organised by Sport & Recreation Victoria. The forum included representatives from each of the six Gippsland Councils and discussed a number of issues related to funding and management of sport and recreation facilities.

SCOPE Audits at Aqua Energy

Aqua Energy recently passed a comprehensive audit process through SCOPE Victoria. The 'Communication Access Assessment' recognises Council's commitment to providing inclusive and assessable facilities. Feedback from the SCOPE auditors was that Council staff did a great job and clearly demonstrated an ability and commitment.

Healthy Lifestyles Facilities Marketing Plan

Healthy Lifestyles Facilities staff are awaiting the draft Marketing Plan currently being completed by consultants. It is expected that the Marketing Plan, once completed and accepted, will provide strategic marketing and promotional direction for Council's leisure facilities.

Special Programs - Papercuts & Italian Cooking at Yarram

Paper Cuts 2015 is a competition that is part of the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge – entrants are asked to design a book trailer or book cover. Wellington Shire receive Premiers Reading Challenge funding to build collections suitable for children and young adults. We are in process of cultivating youth membership at Yarram Library and hosted Papercuts workshop for year 8 and 9 students of Yarram College to promote the collection, encourage literacy development and expose students and teachers to resources available.

Italian Cooking demonstrations showcased our library collections and facilities at Yarram Hub together with aims of encouraging healthy eating, increasing membership and usage of the Yarram Hub. 42 participants attended with positive feedback. Partnerships with health & cultural services to expand this type of program to be explored.

Storybox Library – new resource

Members of the library now have access to a new online resource called “Storybox” an educational storytelling experience. Story Box Library features engaging online Australian stories read by some of Australia's finest storytellers. Story Box Library is rich with Australian content, designed to entertain your children with all the drama, laughter and inspiration a good book can bring. This new resource can be viewed in library and at home providing access to quality literary experiences – even when attending regular story time sessions in the library are not possible.

Mobile Library – Outreach Services update

Golden Beach community requested a presentation of options explored for outreach services. This was presented by Jeanette Moore and Frances Ford on 8 July and attended by 10 residents. A formal response from Golden Beach Community House is pending however the response from the group was positive on the evening. Briagolong Community House and Cowwarr Primary School are also verbally positive and we are waiting for formal responses from Committees of Management. Gormandale and Loch Sport Community Houses have already expressed an interest in partnership. It has been difficult to establish suitable partner in Seaspray with all options explored. A public notice to users of the mobile library service will be distributed in August to communicate progress with partners and plans to be considered to Council for approval in each town currently serviced.

Gallery Relocation

The gallery re-opened in its temporary location at the Port of Sale Business Centre, on Friday 10 July with the NETS touring exhibition *Synthetica*. The gallery also launched the permanent collection display titled *Gippsland Art Gallery – The First Decade 1965 -1975* which showcases early acquisitions from the Gallery collection. We will continue to display items out of the permanent collection throughout the time we are located at the temporary facility, in correlation with the Gallery's 50th anniversary and the launch of the Collection Book which will go to print later this month.

In total 319 visitors have been through the temporary gallery, including 4 school groups and 2 community meetings.

Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow

The Comedy Roadshow was at the Entertainment Centre on July 3rd and once again played to a full house. This show was sponsored by “Warren Graham and Murphy”.

Rumours

The Entertainment Centre partnered with the Sale Theatre Company (STC) to present Neil Simon's “Rumours” for 6 performances in mid-July. This was the most successful production for STC in recent years with its season patronage reaching a 5 year high. 579 tickets were sold to “Rumours”.

Mother

On Friday July 24th 357 patrons attended the production of “Mother” starring Noni Hazlehurst. This included 14 vision impaired patrons who were treated to a talk about the play and special “tactile” tour of the set prior its commencement. Noni also ran a special actors workshop the following day for 10 local aspiring amateur actors.

Vulnerable Persons Officer Funding

Department of Health funding will continue for the FY2015/16 which provides for a greatly enhanced vulnerable persons program that ensures the needs of vulnerable people are considered within emergency management planning.

Municipal Influenza Pandemic Plan

The Municipal Influenza Pandemic Plan has been completed and has been forwarded to the printers.

Municipal Flood Emergency Plan

A review of the Municipal Flood Emergency Plan has commenced.

Agricultural Industry Representative Group

Initial stakeholder liaison meeting held with members of future Agricultural Industry Representative Group to provide ongoing review of Agriculture Position Paper and engagement with agriculture industry.

Maffra Business and Tourism Association

Met with executives of the newly reformed and renamed Maffra Business and Tourism Association to provide them with an overview of the role of the Economic Development team and the way the unit can assist the Association.

Significant planning decisions

Decisions on two significant planning matters have been made in July, with the recommended approval of the proposed free range broiler farms in Toongabbie and the adoption of the Stevens St, Sale rezonings.

Strong planning permit results

End of financial year results from the State Government again indicate that the efficiency of planning permit decision making in Wellington is performing strongly, with 97% of all decisions made within 60 days, well above the rural/regional average.

Beacon Broadening Horizons Partnership Phase 1 - Workplace Visit.

Wellington Shire Council (WSC) have embarked on a joint project with Maffra Secondary College as part of the Beacon Broadening Horizons program and the Regional Managers Forum with the aim to raise the career aspirations of young students residing in our region. The workplace visit was an exciting excursion for the students as it provided an insight into the career opportunities available at WSC and removed the mystique around Council's role in the community, enabling our organisation to showcase the great contribution and work of Council.

Careers Nights - Sale Catholic College, Maffra Secondary College

The Human Resources team attended the recent Careers Fairs at Sale Catholic College and Maffra Secondary College in order to showcase the career opportunities in Local Government.

Recruitment & Selection Process Improvements

Human Resources have streamlined the recruitment and selection process for Managers and Supervisors who wish to appoint new staff, or make changes to employment conditions or remuneration. The process has been improved utilising our existing e-recruitment software. Managers and Supervisors can now save time by accessing all forms associated with recruitment

and changes to employment conditions and/or status online. The forms now available on Scout are for new Position Justifications, Position Alterations, Business Cases, Expression of Interests (EOI), Temporary Agency Staff and Recruitment Requests.

70 Foster Street – Decommission Project

The ICT/AV decommissioning of 70 Foster Street is now complete without issue, as per original schedule and project timeline.

BugBlitz

Bugblitz event was held at the Yarram wetlands with a number of local schools. Over 130 students involved in activities such as tree planting, composting workshops, Koori cultural display with a number of partners and activities involved. The following 7 activities were conducted

- Wetland Revegetation – Wellington Shire Council – approx. 600 tube stock planted
- Water Testing & Macro Invertebrates – Erin Nowak (Bugblitz)
- Composting and Worm Farm with Wellington Shire Council – Raquel Harris
- Soil Testing – John Caldwell (Bugblitz)
- Indigenous Perspective Art – Cassie Leatham (Koori educator & artist)
- Creating a Herbarium Sheet with Botanist – Carmel Forrester (Bug Blitz)
- Rapid Biodiversity Assessment with biologist – Martin Lagerway

Schools that attended the day were Gormandale Primary School (PS), Devon North PS, Woodside PS, Alberton PS, Yarram PS and St Mary's PS

Each activity went for 30 minutes and have had great response back from schools saying it was a very educational day for the students with such a great variety of activities and specialists presenters.

Minor Mowing contract awarded to George Gray Centre for provision of mowing for the next 5 years (social enterprise business)

New contract package has been developed from previously uncontracted minor works. Council engaged the George Gray Centre more than 10 years ago to help develop the Centres social enterprise business, the business has developed over the years and provides real-life employment and life skills to participants living with Down Syndrome. Council received 12 tenders for the contract, the evaluation matrix recognising the George Gray Centre as the highest scoring tender. Contract has been awarded for a 3 year initial term plus three 1 year optional terms.

Successful Silage Wrap collection at Sale Livestock Exchange

A two day silage wrap collection was conducted in June 8th and 9th in collaboration between WSC, Tapex Australia, Gippsdairy, Sustainability Victoria, Victorian Livestock Exchange-Sale and Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources (DEDJTR).

14 tonne of silage wrap was collected for recycling equivalent to 3 semi-trailer loads, made up of 43 Bulkabags, 297 plasback bags and 17 plasback twine bags. 27 vehicles attended the program, Farmers representing across dairy, beef and sheep sector. Average travel distance was 26 km with the furthest traveling from Giffard West and Seaspray.

An overwhelming positive response was received from clients wanting to plan for next opportunity. Next steps are to review lessons and consider issues around transport, venue, time-frame and bulkabags (cost and handling) to inform possible future events.

Green Army project continuing

WSC is delivering Green Army project in partnership with Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA). A crew of seven young adults (17-24 years old) plus one Team Leader undertaking conservation management training and works around the Sale/Flooding Creek catchment. To date 6,500 trees and shrubs were planted at locations including Lake Guyatt and Ross Street Reserve.

Currently WSC and CVA are working in partnership with Parks Victoria, removing weeds, clearing fence-lines and fence repair/maintenance at the Sale Common.

Week long tree planting events

A week long tree planting events were completed in partnership with local schools at Lake Guyatt and Yarram as part of National Schools Tree Day and National Tree day. Over 1500 trees and shrubs were planted during these events.

- Veg gardening for Tree planting day at St Marys Primary School, Yarram with 55 participants
- Tree Planting at Guthridge Primary School with 3 sessions having 90 participants (this was done in partnership with Toyota)
- Lake Guyatt schools day - 4 sessions with Guthridge Primary School, Gippsland grammar, Sale Specialist School. With a total of 165 participants.
- Lake Guyatt tree public event - , 38 people made up of Scouts and parents and public passers-by.



C2 - REPORT

GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

ITEM C2.1**ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS**

DIVISION: CORPORATE SERVICES

ACTION OFFICER: GENERAL MANAGER CORPORATE SERVICES

DATE: 18 AUGUST 2015

IMPACTS									
Financial	Communication	Legislative	Council Policy	Council Plan	Resources & Staff	Community	Environmental	Consultation	Risk Management
		✓		✓					

OBJECTIVE

To report on all assembly of Councillor records received during the period 29 July 2015 to 12 August 2015.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**RECOMMENDATION**

That Council note and receive the attached Assembly of Councillors records received during the period 29 July 2015 to 12 August 2015.

BACKGROUND

Section 80A of the *Local Government Act 1989* requires a written record to be kept of all assemblies of Councillors, stating the names of all Councillors and Council staff attending, the matters considered and any conflict of interest disclosures made by a Councillor. These records must be reported, as soon as practicable, at an ordinary meeting of the Council and recorded in the minutes.

Below is a summary of all assembly of Councillors records received during the period 29 July 2015 to 12 August 2015.

Assembly of Councillors summary of reports received during the period 29 July 2015 to 12 August 2015		
Date	Matters considered	Councillors and officers in attendance
4 August 2015	Community Meetings Councillors' Diary Meeting	Councillor Crossley, Cleary, Davine, McCubbin, Wenger, Hole David Morcom, Chief Executive Officer Meg Capurso, Community Planning Officer & Acting Youth Liaison Coordinator Gail Hogben, Executive Assistant, CEO Sharon Willison, Mayoral and Councillor Support Officer

Assembly of Councillors summary of reports received during the period 29 July 2015 to 12 August 2015

Date	Matters considered	Councillors and officers in attendance
4 August 2015	Pre Council Agenda Evacuation Briefing Leased Caravan Park Update GRSC Stage 2 Synthetic Hockey Field Fire Evacuation Drill	Councillor Crossley, Rossetti, Cleary, Davine, Duncan (Item 5), McCubbin, Wenger, Hole David Morcom, Chief Executive Officer Arthur Skipitaris, General Manager Corporate Services Chris Hastie, General Manager Built and Natural Environment Glenys Butler, General Manager Community and Culture John Websdale, General Manager Development Trish Dean, Governance Officer (Item 1) Dyanne Cox, Occupational Health & Safety Officer (Item 2 & 4) John Tatterson, Manager Built Environment (Item 3) Daniel Gall, Coordinator Commercial Facilities Management (Item 3) Denis Murphy, Commercial Property Officer (Item 3) Daniel Miller, Acting Manager Healthy Lifestyles (Item 4) Marcus Stone, Acting Coordinator Lifestyle Facilities (Item 4) Mark Benfield, Acting Coordinator Community Facilities Planning (Item 4)
10 August 2015	New Gallery/Library Development Public Art Proposal	Anton Vardy – Director, Gippsland Art Gallery, Sale Sharon Houlihan – Executive Manager Major Projects Simon Gregg – Curator, Gippsland Art Gallery Sale

OPTIONS

Council has the following options:

1. Note and receive the attached assembly of Councillors records; or
2. Not receive the attached assembly of Councillors records and seek further information for consideration of a future Council meeting.

PROPOSAL

That Council note and receive the attached assembly of Councillors records received during the period 29 July 2015 to 12 August 2015.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a Conflict of Interest.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACT

The reporting of written records of assemblies of Councillors to the Council in the prescribed format complies with Section 80A of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

COUNCIL PLAN IMPACT

The Council Plan 2013-17 Theme 2 Organisational states the following strategic objective and related strategy:

Strategic Objective

"An organisation that is responsive, flexible, honest, accountable and consistent."

Strategy 2.3

"Ensure sound governance processes that result in responsive, ethical, transparent and accountable decision making."

This report supports the above Council Plan strategic objective and strategy.

ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

1. DATE OF MEETING:

04 August 2015

2. ATTENDEES:

Councillors:

Name	In attendance (tick)		Name	In attendance (tick)	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Cr Crossley	✓		Cr McCubbin	✓	
Cr Rossetti		✓	Cr McIvor		✓
Cr Cleary	✓		Cr Wenger	✓	
Cr Davine	✓		Cr Hole	✓	
Cr Duncan		✓			

Officers In Attendance:

Name	In attendance (tick)		Name	In attendance (tick)	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
D Morcom, CEO	✓		G Butler, GML		✓
C Hastie, GMB&NE		✓	J Websdale, GMD		✓
A Skipitaris, GMCS		✓			

Others in attendance: (list names and item in attendance for)

Name	Item No.	Name	Item No.
Sharon Willison	1 & 2		
Gail Hogben	1 & 2		
Meg Capurso	1		

3. Matters/Items considered at the meeting (list):

1. Community Meetings

2. Councillors' Diary Meeting

4. Conflict of Interest disclosures made by Councillors:

ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

1. DATE OF MEETING:

04 August 2015

2. ATTENDEES:

Councillors:

Name	In attendance (tick)		Name	In attendance (tick)	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Cr Crossley	✓		Cr McCubbin	✓	
Cr Rossetti	✓		Cr McIvor (on leave)		✓
Cr Cleary	✓		Cr Wenger	✓	
Cr Davine	✓		Cr Hole	✓	
Cr Duncan (item 4 only)	✓				

Officers in Attendance:

Name	In attendance (tick)		Name	In attendance (tick)	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
D Morcom, CEO	✓		G Butler, GMCC	✓	
A Skipitaris, GMCS	✓		J Websdale, GMD	✓	
C Hastie, GMBNE	✓				

Others in attendance: (list names and item in attendance for)

Name	Item No.
Trish Dean	1
Dyanne Cox	2
John Tatterson, Daniel Gall, Denis Murphy	3
Daniel Miller, Marcus Stone, Mark Benfield	4
All – Fire Evacuation Drill	5

3. Matters / Items considered at the meeting (list):

1. Pre-Council Agenda
2. Evacuation Briefing
3. Leased Caravan Park Update
4. GRSC Stage 2 Synthetic Hockey Field
5. Fire Evacuation Drill

4. Conflict of Interest disclosures made by Councillors:

ASSEMBLY OF COUNCILLORS

1. DATE OF MEETING:

10 August 2015

2. ATTENDEES:

Councillors:

Name	In attendance (tick)		Name	In attendance (tick)	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Cr Crossley		✓	Cr McCubbin		✓
Cr Rossetti		✓	Cr McIvor		✓
Cr Cleary		✓	Cr Wenger		✓
Cr Davine		✓	Cr Hole		✓
Cr Duncan		✓			

Officers in Attendance:

Name	In attendance (tick)		Name	In attendance (tick)	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
D Morcom, CEO		✓	G Butler, GMCC		✓
A Skipitaris, GMCS		✓	J Websdale, GMD		✓
C Hastie, GMBNE		✓			

Others in attendance: (list names and item in attendance for)

Name	Item No.
Anton Vardy – Gallery Director	1-2
Sarah Atkinson – Minute Taker	1-2
Brian Cantwell	1-2
Dr Rob Ziffer	1-2
Clive Murray-White	1-2
Brian Castles	1-2
Bianca Taylor	1-2
Simon Gregg - Curator	1-2
Sharon Houlihan – Executive Manager Major Projects	1-2

3. Matters / Items considered at the meeting (list):

1. New Gallery/Library Development
2. Public Art Proposal

4. Conflict of Interest disclosures made by Councillors:



C3 - REPORT

GENERAL MANAGER DEVELOPMENT



C4 - REPORT

GENERAL MANAGER BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

ITEM C4.1**PLACE NAMES COMMITTEE - MINUTES**

DIVISION: BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS & PROJECTS

DATE: 18 AUGUST 2015

IMPACTS									
Financial	Communication	Legislative	Council Policy	Council Plan	Resources & Staff	Community	Environmental	Consultation	Risk Management
	✓	✓		✓		✓			

OBJECTIVE

The purpose of this report is for Council to receive the minutes from the Place Names Committee meeting held on 21 July 2015.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**RECOMMENDATION*****That:***

- 1. Council receive and note the minutes of the Place Names Committee meeting held on 21 July 2015; and***
- 2. Arising from the Place Names Committee meeting held on 21 July 2015, Council adopt the following recommendations:***
 - a) The livestock exchange in Sale be named the Gippsland Regional Livestock Exchange; and***
 - b) That the developer request to use the name "Moon" from the Approved Road Name Register for a subdivision in Maffra be approved; and***
 - c) That the developer request to use the name "Kestrel" from the Approved Road Name Register for a subdivision be approved; and***
 - d) That the unnamed road off Beverleys Road, Stockdale be named Jalandook Lane and the road remains an unmaintained road on the Wellington Shire Council Register of Public Roads.***

BACKGROUND

The Place Names Committee is an advisory committee that generally meets quarterly to make recommendations to Council on geographical place name issues.

OPTIONS

Council have the following options available:

1. To receive the minutes of the Place Names Committee and consider the recommendations; or
2. Seek further information and consider at a future meeting.

PROPOSAL

1. Council receive and note the minutes of the Place Names Committee meeting held on 21 July 2015; and
2. Arising from the Place Names Committee meeting held on 21 July 2015, Council adopt the following recommendations:

That:

- a) The livestock exchange in Sale be named the Gippsland Regional Livestock Exchange; and
- b) That the developer request to use the name "Moon" from the Approved Road Name Register for a subdivision in Maffra be approved; and
- c) That the developer request to use the name "Kestrel" from the Approved Road Name Register for a subdivision be approved; and
- d) That the unnamed road off Beverleys Road, Stockdale be named Jalandook Lane and the road remains an unmaintained road on the Wellington Shire Council Register of Public Roads.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a Conflict of Interest.

COMMUNICATION IMPACT

There will be no communication impact in receiving these minutes.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACT

The *Local Government Act 1989* provides Council the power to approve, assign or change the name of a road. Council in exercising this power must act in accordance with the guidelines provided for under the *Geographical Place Names Act 1998*.

COUNCIL PLAN IMPACT

The Council Plan 2013-2017 Theme 1 Leadership and Engagement states the following strategic objective and related strategy:

Strategic Objective

"Our community is informed about Council business and is involved in Council decision making. Council advocates on behalf of the community."

Strategy 1.1

"Ensure sound processes are in place to facilitate input into Council deliberation and decision making."

COMMUNITY IMPACT

There will be no community impact from the adoption of the Place Names Committee minutes.

ATTACHMENT ONE



PLACE NAMES COMMITTEE (PNC) MEETING

21 JULY 2015 AT 10:10AM

NOORAMUNGA ROOM

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

Councillor Darren McCubbin
Councillor Emilie Davine
Councillor Patrick McIvor
Sandra Rech (Coordinator Asset Management)

MEETING OPENING

Meeting opened at 10:10am

APOLOGIES

Dean Morahan (Manager Assets & Projects)
James Blythe (GIS Officer)

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

Nil

1. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved:

Councillor McCubbin/Davine

That the minutes of the previous Place Names Committee meeting held on 15 February 2015 be held over to the next meeting.

Carried

2. GENERAL BUSINESS

2.1 A request has been received to name the livestock exchange in Sale as the Gippsland Regional Livestock Exchange.

It was moved:

Councillor McIvor/Davine

That the livestock exchange in Sale be formally named Gippsland Regional Livestock Exchange.

Carried

- 2.2** A request has come in from a developer to use the name “Moon” from the Approved Road Name Register.

It was moved:

Councillor Davine/McCubbin

That use of the name “Moon” be approved.

Carried

- 2.3** A request has come in from a developer to use the name “Kestrel” from the Approved Road Name Register.

It was moved:

Councillor McCubbin/McIvor

That use of the name “Kestrel” be approved.

Carried

- 2.4** A request has come in from a developer to use the name “Jalandook” from the Approved Road Name Register.

At the meeting on 17 February 2015, it was moved:

Councillor McCubbin/Davine

That the unnamed road off Beverleys Road, Stockdale, be named Jalandook Lane (from the Approved Road Name Register) and the developer be contacted.

It was moved:

Councillor McCubbin/McIvor

That this item remains open.

Carried

3. NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 18 August 2015 at 10.00am

CLOSE

Meeting closed at 10:25am

ITEM C4.2**CUNNINGHAME STREET SPECIAL CHARGE STREET CONSTRUCTION SCHEME –DECLARATION OF SCHEME**

DIVISION: BUILT & NATURAL ENVIRONMENT
 ACTION OFFICER: MANAGER ASSETS & PROJECTS
 DATE: 18 AUGUST 2015

IMPACTS								
Financial	Legislative	Council Policy	Planning Policy	Resources & Staff	Community	Environmental	Consultation	Risk Management
✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

OBJECTIVE

To consider for declaration, the Cunninghame Street Special Charge Street Construction Scheme Number 1501 between Dundas Street and Lansdowne Street, Sale.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**RECOMMENDATION*****That:***

- 1. Wellington Shire Council (Council) having noted there were no submissions/objections received within the requirements of sections 163A, 163B and 223 of the Local Government Act 1989 (the Act) and otherwise according to law and having, so far as can be ascertained from available records and can reasonably be concluded, ascertained that the section of Cunninghame Street for which it is proposed the Special Charge will be declared has not previously been constructed by way of a Special Rate or Special Charge, hereby declares a Special Charge under section 163(1) of the Act for the purposes of repaying (with interest) any loan raised by Council in relation to the construction of Cunninghame Street between Dundas Street and Lansdowne Street in Sale and the provision of any ancillary works including drainage.***
- 2. The criteria which form the basis of the declaration of the Special Charge are the ownership of rateable land in the area of the Scheme which, based on scheme access benefit units and calculated by frontage as to 67.7% and abuttal as to 33.3%, has and enjoys an abuttal to or access from Cunninghame Street, and having regard to frontage of the lands to the proposed works.***
- 3. In declaring the Special Charge, Council is performing functions and exercising powers in relation to the peace, order and good government of the municipal district of the Wellington Shire, in particular the provision of proper, safe and suitable roads and property services within the area for which the Special Charge is declared.***
- 4. The total cost of the performance of the function and the exercise of the power by Council (in relation to the provision of proper, safe and suitable roads and property services in the area for which the Special Charge is declared) is \$440,000 being the estimated cost of the works to be undertaken. Council funding is to be allocated from its 2015/2016 Commonwealth Roads to Recovery Program.***

- 5. The total estimated amount to be levied under the Scheme as the Special Charge is \$81,233.**
- 6. The Special Charge will commence on 18 August 2015 and remain in force for a period of ten years.**
- 7. The area for which the Special Charge is declared is all of the land within the boundary shown on the plan set out in the attachment forming a part of this declaration (being Attachment 1).**
- 8. The Special Charge will be declared and assessed in accordance with the amounts set out alongside each property in Attachment 2. Such amounts having respectively been assessed based on the length of the frontage (as to 67.7%) and the access benefit (as to 33.3%) which a property included in the scheme has to the road.**
- 9. The Special Charge will be levied by sending a notice of levy in the prescribed form quarterly to the person liable to pay the Special Charge.**
- 10. Because the performance of the function and the exercise of the power in respect of which the Special Charge is declared and levied relates substantially to capital works, the Special Charge will be levied on the basis of an installment plan being given to ratepayers whereby:- such ratepayers may subject to any further resolution by Council, pay the special charge per property/title in accordance with the following:**
 - the full amount within 45 days of invoice or**
 - payment may be made over 20 quarterly instalments (5 years) including interest or**
 - payment may be made over 40 quarterly instalments (10 years) including interest**
- 11. Council will consider proven cases of financial and other hardship and may reconsider other payment options for the Special Charge.**
- 12. No incentives will be given for payment of the Special Charge before the due date for payment.**
- 13. Council considers that there will be a special benefit to the persons required to pay the Special Charge because there will be a benefit to those persons that is over and above, or greater than, the benefit that is available to persons who are not subject to the Special Charge. The criteria used as a basis for declaring the special charge are:**
 - Improved road safety for properties and the community in the area defined by the scheme boundary.**
 - Reduction in dust.**
 - Improved access and egress from properties.**
 - Improved parking with indented parking.**
 - Improved road safety for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians.**
- 14. Notice be given to all owners of properties included in the Scheme in writing of the decision of Council to declare and levy the Special Charge commencing on 18 August 2015 and the reasons for the decision.**

BACKGROUND

Following the introduction of the Wellington Shire Council 2014 Residential Road and Street Construction Plan, property owners abutting the proposed scheme area for Cunninghame Street expressed interest in a special charge scheme. An informal investigation of a special charge scheme commenced which included the preparation of a design and cost estimation. The section of Cunninghame Street identified for the scheme is one of the main access routes to the Sale Primary School.

Currently there is unsealed road shoulders with only the through lanes sealed and an open channel drain on the north side of the road. The proposed Cunninghame Street Special Charge Street Construction Scheme would provide for a fully constructed section of Cunninghame Street between Dundas Street and Lansdowne Street.

A public meeting was held on Tuesday 31 March 2015 and an informal survey, which included an estimated cost, was distributed to all owners of property liable to be included in the proposed scheme. The result of the informal survey was 94% of the property owners replied and all replies were in favour of the proposed scheme.

Public Notices were placed in the Gippsland Times on Tuesday 9 June and Friday 12 June 2015 respectively. A copy of the notice was served on all owners of property intended to be included under the scheme on 10 June 2015. The final date for the receipt of written submissions/objections was Friday 17 July 2015.

Copies of the proposed declaration were placed at the Yarram Service Centre and Sale Service Centre-Council Headquarters for public inspection. The proposed declaration was also posted on the Council's website.

There were no written submissions/objections received by the Chief Executive Officer.

OPTIONS

- Adopt the scheme as presented by formally declaring the special charge and serve notice on all property owners liable to pay under the scheme.
- Abandon the scheme and advise all property owners within the scheme of Council's decision.
- Modify the scheme and prepare a new scheme then advertise and serve notice on all property owners within the scheme.

PROPOSAL

That Council adopt the scheme as presented by declaring a Special Charge for the full construction of the section of Cunninghame Street between Dundas Street and Lansdowne Street in the Township of Sale. Council serve notice on all property owners intended to be made liable under the scheme.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

No staff and/or contractors involved in the compilation of this report have declared a Conflict of Interest in this section.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The scheme is estimated to cost \$440,000. The amount to be recovered under the scheme does not include GST.

Portion to be recovered from property owners \$81,233.

Portion to be recovered from Council as a property owner \$33,848.

Portion of cost to be recovered from Council as direct costs \$324,919.

Total estimated cost of scheme \$440,000.

1. As only 20% of the cost of this scheme is intended to be recovered from affected property owners, Council will need to provide for the estimated cost within its 2015 / 2016 Capital Works Program. Council funding is to be allocated from its 2015/2016 Commonwealth Roads to Recovery Program.
2. The method of apportioning the costs for this scheme includes both access benefit and road abuttal. Accordingly, 33.3% of the estimated cost is to be uniformly apportioned among the properties in the scheme as an access benefit. The remaining 66.7% is to be apportioned on the basis of full cost for properties fronting the road/streets to be constructed, one half cost for all properties with rearage to a road/street to be constructed and one third cost for all properties with a sideage to a road/street to be constructed. Council will be contributing 80% of the property owners costs.
3. It is proposed under the scheme to invoice property owners for their apportioned project amount after commencement of construction of the scheme. Options for payment per property/parcel/title are 20 quarterly instalments (5 years) or 40 quarterly instalments (10 years) for all amounts. An interest component will be included where payment is to be made under either of these instalment programs.
4. The average estimated cost per property is \$4,275. The lowest estimated cost is \$2,382. The highest estimated cost is \$6,346.

LEGISLATIVE IMPACT

This scheme has been prepared in accordance with Section 163, 163A, 163B of the *Local Government Act 1989*. Notification will be in accordance with Sections 163 and 223 of the *Local Government Act 1989*.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPACT

The scheme has been prepared in accordance with Council's Special Charge Schemes – Roads, Street & Drainage Development Policy 4.2.4 and 2014 Residential Road and Street Construction Plan.

PLANNING POLICY IMPACT

The proposal has no impact on Planning Policy.

RESOURCES AND STAFF IMPACT

Implementation of the scheme can be undertaken within the resources of the Assets & Projects unit. In the event the scheme is adopted and declared by Council, construction will be carried out by an approved contractor via a tender process.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Implementation of this scheme will have a significant community impact as it will realise a fully constructed road with indented parking for a collector road. Direct benefits will include the elimination of vehicle generated dust, defined street parking, improved through traffic conditions and road safety arising from the defined road location, associated signage and pavement markings and improved drainage.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Implementation of this scheme will have a positive environmental impact arising from the reduction of dust generated by vehicles as well as improved quality of stormwater runoff.

CONSULTATION IMPACT

A comprehensive public consultation process has been entered into with affected property owners including:

- Numerous discussions between property owners and Council staff during 2014.
- Public meeting held at Sale, 31 March 2015.
- Mail out survey of all property owners, 1 April 2015.
- Follow up mail out in mid April 2015 requesting replies to the survey.
- Mail out 11 May 2015 advising survey results and the proposed process for the scheme.
- Public Notice of Intention to Declare advertised in a local newspaper on 9 June 2015.
- Copy of Public Notice mailed to property owners liable to pay on 10 June 2015.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPACT

Implementation of the scheme will produce a substantial reduction in risk to motorists, cyclists and other road users through improved visibility (reduction of dust), properly identified through lanes, indented parking and new signage and markings.

CONSIDERATION OF SUBMISSIONS/OBJECTIONS

There were no written submissions or objections received by the Chief Executive Officer by the closing date.

WELLINGTON SHIRE COUNCIL
CUNNINGHAME STREET STREET CONSTRUCTION SCHEME - APPORTIONMENT OF COST REV 0 MAY 2015

ASSESS NO.	PARCEL NO.	PROPERTY	STREET ADDRESS	COST ABU	Frontage	Sideage	1/3ABU + 2/3 Frontage	ESTIMATED 20% COST	5 YR QUARTERLY INSTALLMENT	10 YR QUARTERLY INSTALLMENT
CUNNINGHAME STREET										
1	20834	453 LOT 2 RP10996	167-169 Cunninohame Street	\$23,157.89	32.00	0.00	\$31,732.44	\$6,346.49	\$360	\$203
2	20826	452 LOT 2 TP329104	171 Cunninohame Street	\$23,157.89	18.29	0.00	\$21,444.31	\$4,288.86	\$244	\$137
3	36665	51863 LOT 1 TP173955	172 Cunninohame Street	\$23,157.89	19.60	0.00	\$22,427.35	\$4,485.47	\$255	\$143
4	20818	451 LOT 1 TP377813	173 Cunninohame Street	\$23,157.89	19.81	0.00	\$22,584.93	\$4,516.99	\$257	\$144
5	391755	51893 Lot 1 -Common Property RP3159	174 Cunninohame Street	\$23,157.89	15.09	0.00	\$19,042.99	\$3,808.60	\$217	\$122
6	20800	450 LOT 1 TP249177	175-177 Cunninohame Street	\$23,157.89	30.48	0.00	\$30,591.81	\$6,118.36	\$348	\$195
7	36681	410 Lot 4-Common Property RP3159	176Cunninohame Street	\$23,157.89	15.09	0.00	\$19,042.99	\$3,808.60	\$217	\$122
8	36689	57181 LOT 1 PS524059	178 Cunninohame Street	\$23,157.89	24.38	0.00	\$26,014.31	\$5,202.86	\$296	\$166
9	36707	416 LOT 5 LP18518	180 Cunninohame Street	\$23,157.89	17.09	0.00	\$20,543.81	\$4,108.76	\$234	\$131
10	67793	445 LOT 2 LP94224	181-183 Cunninohame Street	\$23,157.89	24.62	0.00	\$26,194.41	\$5,238.88	\$298	\$167
11	36715	417 LOT 6 LP18518	182 Cunninohame Street	\$23,157.89	17.09	0.00	\$20,543.81	\$4,108.76	\$234	\$131
12	36723	418 LOT 7 LP18518	184 Cunninohame Street	\$23,157.89	17.09	0.00	\$20,543.81	\$4,108.76	\$234	\$131
13	20792	442,443&444 LOTS 1,2,3 TP339151	185 Cunninohame Street	\$23,157.89	19.72	0.00	\$22,517.39	\$4,503.48	\$256	\$144
14	36731	419 LOT 1 TP392523	186-188 Cunninohame Street	\$23,157.89	25.20	0.00	\$26,629.64	\$5,325.93	\$303	\$170
15	20776	439 LOT1 TP247015	187 Cunninohame Street	\$23,157.89	19.46	0.00	\$22,322.29	\$4,464.46	\$254	\$146
16	20776	438 LOT 1 TP226538	189 Cunninohame Street	\$23,157.89	20.26	0.00	\$22,922.62	\$4,584.52	\$261	\$233
DUNDAS STREET										
17	37333-37341	4234-4235 Part CA9 A-167	26 Dundas Street	\$23,157.89	0.00	45.72	\$19,155.78	\$3,831.16	\$218	\$122
BARKLY STREET										
18	53702	3873 LOT 1 LP94224	58 Barkly Street	\$23,157.89	0.00	16.76	\$11,911.68	\$2,382.34	\$136	\$76
19		Road frontage	Barkly Street road frontage	\$23,157.89	34.82	0.00	\$33,848.59	\$6,769.72		
				\$440,000.00	370.09	62.48	\$440,014.98	\$88,003.00		
ESTIMATED SCHEME COST AND APPORTIONMENT RATES										
TOTAL ESTIMATED COST OF SCHEME				\$440,000						
APPORTIONED RATE - ACCESS BENEFIT UNITS				\$23,157.89						
APPORTIONED RATE - COST PER Metre of Frontage				\$1,125.56						



C5 - REPORT

GENERAL MANAGER COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

ITEM C5.1**GIPPSLAND REGIONAL SPORTS COMPLEX STAGE 2**

DIVISION: COMMUNITY AND CULTURE

ACTION OFFICER: ACTING MANAGER HEALTHY LIFESTYLES

DATE: 18 AUGUST 2015

IMPACTS									
Financial	Communication	Legislative	Council Policy	Council Plan	Resources & Staff	Community	Environmental	Consultation	Risk Management
✓	✓					✓		✓	

OBJECTIVE

For Council to endorse the next stage in the development of the Gippsland Regional Sports Complex (GRSC) which involves preparing detailed designs and costings for a synthetic hockey field and pavilion and to identify potential funding opportunities.

PUBLIC QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE GALLERY**RECOMMENDATION**

For Council to endorse the next step in the development of Gippsland Regional Sports Complex Stage 2 which involves preparing detailed designs and costings for building a synthetic hockey field and pavilion and to identify potential funding opportunities.

BACKGROUND

In 2013/14, Council was successful in receiving funding from Sport and Recreation Victoria to contribute to the undertaking of a feasibility study for GRSC Stage 2.

@Leisure Planners were engaged to undertake the study, encompassing all relevant participation analysis and stakeholder consultation. The objectives of this project were to:

- Determine the appropriate facility mix for a potential GRSC Stage 2 development;
- Determine the overall cost of the development for GRSC Stage 2 (both capital outlay and whole-of-life cost estimates); and
- Provide Council with the relevant information to assist with the planning and decision making around further development of the complex.

The feasibility study identified hockey and athletics as the priority sports for any GRSC Stage 2 development largely due to:

- Substandard existing facilities for both hockey and athletics;
- Inability for hockey to currently be played on the codes preferred playing surface;
- Good potential to grow and increase participation in both of these sports;
- A desktop study of existing facilities demonstrated a cost of \$1.1M to address playing surface and lighting issues, noting no viability study has been conducted.

Council determined the GRSC Stage 2 development as outlined in the feasibility study was beyond the scope of Council in the current climate and has recommended further investigation into developing the synthetic playing field and pavilion component at an approximate cost of \$3M.

OPTIONS

Council has the following options:

1. To endorse the next step in the development of GRSC Stage 2 which involves preparing detailed designs and costings for building a synthetic hockey field and pavilion and to identify potential funding opportunities; or
2. Not endorse detailed designs and costings to be developed and funding opportunities identified.

PROPOSAL

For Council to endorse the next step in the development of GRSC Stage 2 which involves preparing detailed designs and costings for building a synthetic hockey field and pavilion and identifying potential funding opportunities.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

The Acting Coordinator Community Facilities Planning has a direct interest in this matter due to his affiliation with the Sale and Gippsland Hockey Clubs.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The cost involved in preparing detailed designs for GRSC Stage 2 will be funded from the 2015/16 Community Facilities Planning operations budget.

COMMUNICATION IMPACT

The community and potential user groups will be informed of the project developments. Further discussions will take place between Council and Sport and Recreation Victoria with regards to the project scope and potential funding.

COUNCIL POLICY IMPACT

This report is in accordance with Council Policy 5.3.1 which recognises that facilities enable leisure and recreation opportunities and the delivery of services that impact on the quality of life enjoyed by residents and visitors to the region.

COUNCIL PLAN IMPACT

The Council Plan 2013–17 Theme 4 and 7 states the following strategic objectives and related strategies:

Strategic Objective

Assets and infrastructure that meet current and future community needs.

Strategy 4.1

Undertake service delivery planning to provide community assets in response to identified needs.

Strategic Objective

Enhance health and wellbeing for the whole Community.

Strategy 7.1

Support access to a range of recreational opportunities for all sectors of the community.

This report supports the above Council Plan strategic objectives and strategies.

RESOURCES AND STAFF IMPACT

The resources required for this stage of the project will all come from the current operating budget within the position of Community Facilities Planning.

COMMUNITY IMPACT

This project will have positive community impact enabling hockey players from across the region to practice and play on a synthetic field which is now standard for higher level competition. This will significantly reduce travel times for many players who currently journey to Churchill and Drouin to train.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

Environmental impact will be identified after the completion of this stage.

CONSULTATION IMPACT

Significant consultation was undertaken through the feasibility study process. This consultation identified the need for a synthetic hockey field. Further consultation has taken place through the local hockey clubs to ascertain their level of support and willingness to train and play on a synthetic hockey field based centrally in Sale.



D. URGENT BUSINESS



E. FURTHER GALLERY AND CHAT ROOM COMMENTS



F. CONFIDENTIAL ATTACHMENT/S

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G. IN CLOSED SESSION

That the meeting be closed to the public pursuant to Section 89(2) of the Local Government Act 1989 to consider:

- a) personnel matters***
- b) the personal hardship of any resident or ratepayer***
- c) industrial matters***
- d) contractual matters***
- e) proposed developments***
- f) legal advice***
- g) matters affecting the security of Council property***
- h) any other matter which the Council or special committee considers would prejudice the Council or any person***

IN CLOSED SESSION

COUNCILLOR

That:

That:

That Council move into open session and ratify the decision made in closed session.